

CLAIMS

- 1 1. A method for tracking the status of a workflow, the method comprising:
2 generating a weblog to track an instance of the workflow, the workflow having a plurality
3 of workflow steps, each step performed by at least one member, each of the members having at
4 least one workflow role;
5 assigning the at least one member to the weblog; and
6 posting an entry in the weblog to indicate that a workflow action has occurred.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the workflow action comprises the completion of a
2 workflow step.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the workflow action comprises the execution of a
2 workflow exception.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1 further comprising posting an entry in a personal weblog to
2 indicate that the workflow action has occurred.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1 further comprising providing a feed to an aggregator, the
2 aggregator receiving entries from the weblog and at least one other instance of a weblog.
- 1 6. The method of claim 5 wherein providing a feed comprises providing an RSS feed from a
2 plurality of weblogs for a syndication.
- 1 7. The method of claim 1 wherein the posting of an entry in the workflow weblog is made
2 in response to a posting of an entry in a personal weblog.
- 1 8. The method of claim 1 further comprising limiting the viewing of the contents of the
2 weblog to a plurality of predetermined users.

1 9. The method of claim 8 wherein the predetermined users comprise one of the at least one
2 members assigned to the weblog.

1 10. A computing system for tracking the status of a workflow, the computing system
2 comprising:

3 a display screen;

4 an input device to perform at least one of receiving a client request to generate a weblog
5 for tracking an instance of the workflow, indicating an assignment of a member to the weblog
6 and posting an entry in the weblog to indicate that a workflow action has occurred; and

7 a server in communication with the display screen and the input device, the server
8 executing a server application to generate the weblog, to assign the member to the weblog and to
9 post an entry in the weblog to indicate that a workflow action has occurred.

1 11. The computing system of claim 10 further comprising a remote server in communication
2 with the server, the additional server storing a personal weblog and executing a server
3 application to modify the personal weblog.

1 12. The computing system of claim 10 wherein the server generates a first instance of a
2 weblog and further comprising a remote server in communication with the server, the remote
3 server executing an aggregator application to receive at least one entry from the first instance of
4 a weblog and a second instance of a weblog.

1 13. An apparatus for tracking the status of a workflow, the apparatus comprising:
2 means for generating a weblog to track an instance of the workflow, the workflow having
3 a plurality of workflow steps, each workflow step to be performed by at least one member, each
4 of the members having at least one workflow role;

means for assigning a member to the weblog; and

means for posting an entry in the weblog to indicate that a workflow action has occurred.

14. The apparatus of claim 13 further comprising means for posting an entry in a personal weblog to indicate that the workflow action has occurred.

15. The apparatus of claim 13 further comprising means for providing a feed to an aggregator, the aggregator receiving entries from the weblog and at least one other weblog.

16. The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the means for posting an entry in the weblog is responsive to a posting of an entry in a personal weblog.

17. The apparatus of claim 13 further comprising means for limiting the viewing of the contents of a weblog to a plurality of predetermined users.

18. A computer program product for use with a computer system, the computer program product comprising a computer useable medium having embodied therein program code comprising:

program code for generating a weblog to track an instance of a workflow;

program code for assigning a member to the weblog; and

program code for posting an entry in the weblog to indicate that a workflow action has occurred.

19. The computer program product of claim 18 further comprising program code for posting an entry in a personal weblog to indicate that the workflow action has occurred.

20. The computer program product of claim 18 further comprising program code for providing a feed to an aggregator.

1 21. The computer program product of claim 18 wherein the program code for posting an
2 entry in the weblog is responsive to a posting of an entry in a personal weblog.

1 22. The computer program product of claim 18 further comprising program code for limiting
2 the viewing of the contents of the weblog to a plurality of predetermined users.

1 23. A computer data signal embodied in a carrier wave for use with a computer system
2 having a display and capable of generating a user interface through which a user may interact
3 with the computer system, the computer data signal comprising:

4 program code for generating a weblog to track an instance of a workflow, the workflow
5 having a plurality of workflow steps, each workflow step to be performed by at least one
6 member, each of the members having at least one workflow role;

7 program code for assigning a member to the weblog; and

8 program code for posting an entry in the weblog to indicate that a workflow action has
9 occurred.

1 24. The computer data signal of claim 23 wherein the workflow action is a completion of a
2 workflow step.

1 25. The computer data signal of claim 23 wherein the workflow action is the execution of a
2 workflow exception.

1 26. The computer data signal of claim 23 further comprising program code for posting an
2 entry in a personal weblog to indicate that the workflow action has occurred.

1 27. The computer data signal of claim 23 further comprising program code for providing a
2 feed to an aggregator.

- 1 28. The computer data signal of claim 23 wherein the program code for posting an entry in
2 the weblog comprises is responsive to a posting of an entry in a personal weblog.
- 1 29. The computer data signal of claim 23 further comprising program code for limiting the
2 viewing of the contents of the weblog to a plurality of predetermined users.